

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of: **Toshikazu KAMEI et al.**

Serial No.: **Not yet assigned**

Filed: **July 31, 2001**

For: **HEAT-RESISTANT SEPARATOR**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 31, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The heat-resistant separator according to one of Claims 1 or 2, wherein said high-melting resin is selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyphenylene sulfide, polymethyl pentene and polyamide.

6. (Amended) The heat-resistant separator according to one of Claims 1 or 2, wherein said non-woven fabric is melt-blown.